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SHORTAGE OF NETWORKING PROFESSIONALS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether there is acute shortage of networking professionals in the country ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the steps taken/being taken to train manpower in networking skills; and

(d) the extent to which it will bridge the supply demand gap of networking professionals in the country ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(DR.SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a),(b),(c) and (d): Demand for networking professionals is adequately met by the engineering graduates coming out of AICTE (All India Council Technical Education) approved institutions.

The Task Force on `Human Resource Development in Information Technology` set-up by Government of India, with the main objective to prepare a long-term strategy for significantly increasing the number of well trained IT professionals in line with economic projections had noted that the issue of manpower gap is not as much about the institutional seat availability as about the nature of skills and the training provided.

DIT (Department of Information Technology) had also initiated a project on Information Security Education & Awareness to generate quality manpower in the area of Information Security which also includes networking.

Societies under DIT viz. DOEACC, ERNET (Education & Research Network) and C-DAC (Centre for Development Advanced Computing) also conduct various training programmes in the area of IT including Networking.